



# ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Annual Newsletter

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## BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D., Chair, Psychologist Member  
La'Shonda A. Moore Kille, DPM, Vice-Chair, Public Member  
Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D., Psychologist Member  
Martin L. Rohling, Ph.D., Psychologist Member  
Carol P. Walker, Ph.D., ABPP, Psychologist Member  
Kristin R. Tubré, Psy.D., Psychologist Member  
Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D., Psychologist Member  
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S., Psychological Technician Member

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Mrs. Joya Burge, Administrative Assistant

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**Please visit our website for a link to the Alabama Licensing Law  
and the Board's Administrative Code**

**MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE BOARD**  
**by Governor Robert Bentley**

Former Chair Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. was appointed again to serve a five-year term on the Board.

**CHAIR'S ADDRESS**  
**from Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D.**

*It is an honor to serve on the Board alongside professional and dedicated colleagues. Board Members Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D., Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D., La'Shonda A. Moore Kille, DPM (Public Member), Kristi A. Miller, M.S. (Psychological Technician Member), Martin L. Rohling, Ph.D., Kristin R. Tubre, Psy.D., and Carol P. Walker, Ph.D., ABPP are Governor appointees who volunteer their time and expertise. Lori Rall and Joya Burge, the Board's administrative staff, are the people you correspond with and who we are to thank for running a smooth and efficient Board Office. The Board's Attorney, Matt Beam, continues to provide calm and competent legal expertise. This is genuinely a dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to ensure that we undergo informed critical decision processes.*

*Again, the Board is having a busy year. The Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) began a process several years ago to update the Law governing Psychology in Alabama. After many years of hard work, in collaboration and concurrence with the Board, a Bill passed in the 2013 Legislative Session as Act No. 2013-386. This year's Bill (SB240/HB352) passed as Act No. 2016-416; it is a technical amendment to the Law which completes the work that the aPA began those few years ago. Executive Director Lori Rall and Board Counsel Matt Beam spent tireless hours in the State House to make sure that the Bills kept moving in both houses of the Legislature. Those to whom we owe thanks include members of the **aPA's Executive Committee, Senator Cam Ward** - Senate Sponsor, **Representative Patricia Todd** - House Sponsor, House Representative **Howard Sanderford**, and House Representative **Jack Williams**. This was truly a group effort.*

*This year's Act removes some outdated language. It allows the Board to set and amend fees, and require that licensure applicants submit to Federal and State Criminal History background checks. Soon applicants will be required to complete fingerprint cards which will allow the Board to access criminal history background information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Alabama Law*

*Enforcement Agency. The Board sees this as an opportunity to apply an extra layer of protection in the process of certifying that licensees provide safe and competent services.*

*As is regularly required of all State agencies, the Board met with the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee in October, 2015 following its audit of the Agency. The Sunset Committee works by setting a date on which an agency is ended unless the Legislature passes a Bill to continue it. Agencies are evaluated and then recommendations for positive changes may be issued. The Committee considers various recommendations and hears public testimony to decide on a package of recommendations to bring to the full Legislature for continuation of agency function. Then-Chair Dr. Ackerson made a presentation before the Committee and answered questions regarding the practice of psychology and the application of psychology to critical societal issues in Alabama and the nation. Board Member Dr. Rohling answered Committee queries about psychology training programs in the State and the percentage of licensure candidates from these programs who pass requisite competence examinations. The Committee Legislators were very interested in the Board's activities and about the Psychologists and Psychological Technicians licensed by the Board in Alabama, and determined that the agency will continue to function through its next Sunset review in 2020.*

*This year, Dr. Moore Kille, the Board's Public Member, attended the Midyear Meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) in Anchorage, Alaska. The Board is a jurisdictional member of the ASPPB that typically sends a member to each of its meetings to keep abreast of pertinent regulatory issues and to network with board members from the US and Canada. At this meeting, "Pitfalls of Social Media" was the topic addressed with the caveat that conduct, not speech, is being regulated. Another area of focus was the evolution of the EPPP to soon include a practical section which will be known as the EPPP Step 2. For more information, view Dr. Stephen T. DeMers' CEO Announcement Video at: <http://www.asppb.net/page/EPPPStep2>.*

*As Board members, we have the privilege and responsibility to protect the potentially vulnerable public. As you know, the Board receives and investigates complaints against licensed psychologists and psychological technicians. The Board attempts to proceed with investigations in a timely yet thorough manner. We do not make decisions lightly and, in many instances, volunteer consultants from the*

**CHAIR'S ADDRESS, CONTINUED...**

*aPA serve as expert consultants. Many investigations result in a no probable cause finding and are closed as confidential files. When probable cause is the determination, the Board works conscientiously with psychologists and psychological technicians to resolve the matter in an educative and compassionate manner. Decisions are always made with due consideration of Laws, Administrative Codes and Codes of Ethics.*

Sincerely,



Chair

**NEW LICENSES ISSUED**

*May 2015 to present*

**Psychologists**

Regina S. Hiraoka, Ph.D., #1958, Hewitt, TX  
 Erin K. McCrory, Ph.D., #1959, Medford, OR  
 Toni S. Harris, Ph.D., #1960, Moseley, VA (Inactive)  
 Nicole L. Hill, Ph.D., #1961, Vestavia Hills, AL  
 Joseph R. Bardeen, Ph.D., #1962, Auburn, AL  
 Marilyn A. Cornish, Ph.D., #1963, Auburn, AL  
 Evelyn A. Hunter, Ph.D., #1964, Simpsonville, SC  
 Ryan J. Kalpinski, Ph.D., #1965, Mexico Beach, FL  
 Sara L. Stromeyer, Ph.D., #1966, Homewood, AL  
 Heather M. Wadsworth, Ph.D., #1967, Hoover, AL  
 Amber M. Hasty Mills, Psy.D., #1968, Helena, AL  
 Amy S. Hollimon, Ph.D., #1969, Fairhope, AL  
 Tara Meisner, Psy.D., #1970, Saranac Lake, NY  
 Magna Parks-Porterfield, Ph.D., #1971, Seale, AL  
 Rodney T. Wilson, Ph.D., #1972, Meridian, MS  
 John E. Burkhardt, II, Psy.D., #1973, Northport, AL  
 Michelle V. Gaines, Ph.D., #1974, Fayetteville, TN  
 Jeremy J. Noble, Ph.D., #1975, Raeford, NC  
 Katherine M. Butler, Psy.D., #1976, Birmingham, AL  
 Kristi L. Crane, Psy.D., #1977, Brandon, MS  
 Christopher J. Heath, Ph.D., #1978, Providence, RI  
 Laurie D. Juraszek, Psy.D., #1979, Sioux City, IA  
 Samuel D. Oldham, Psy.D., #1980, Wichita Falls, TX  
 Katherine R. Werner, Psy.D., #1981, Auburn, AL  
 Michael S. Bias, Psy.D., #1982, Ashland, KY  
 Ashley J. Reno, Psy.D., #1983, Charlotte, NC  
 Kevin C. Settles, Psy.D., #1984, Midway, AL  
 Sean M. Robinson, Ph.D., #1985, Dallas, TX  
 Margaux J. Barnes, Ph.D., #1986, Homewood, AL  
 Eric T. Bloch, Psy.D., #1987, Auburn, AL  
 Ian C. Carpenter, Psy.D., #1988, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
 James K. Goodlad, Ph.D., #1989, Birmingham, AL  
 Daniel Marciel, Psy.D., #1990, Columbus, MS  
 Beatrice C. Mosier, Ph.D., #1991, Montgomery, AL  
 Kelley W. Wilson, Ph.D., #1992, Fairhope, AL

Erik P. Goldschmidt, Ph.D., #1993, Fairhope, AL  
 Ryon C. McDermott, Ph.D., #1994, Mobile, AL  
 Shawn Y. Zeplin, Psy.D., #1995, Auburn, AL  
 Amanda M. Campos, Psy.D., #1996, Birmingham, AL  
 Sharday Summers-Brown, Psy.D., #1997, Pike Road, AL  
 Patrick M. Sears, Psy.D., #1998, Troy, IL  
 Lauren M. Vines, Ph.D., #1999, Belton, TX  
 Jennifer K. Wilson, Ph.D., #2000, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Alice C. Liang, Ph.D., #2001, Mobile, AL  
 Cady K. Block, Ph.D., #2002, Houston, TX  
 William E. Ajayi, Ph.D., #2003, Shaker Heights, OH  
 Rebecca S. Bodiford, Ph.D., #2004, Montgomery, AL  
 Jennifer Cox, Ph.D., #2005, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Thuong T. Truong, Psy.D., #2006, Auburn, AL  
 Julie A. Woosley, Ph.D., #2007, Northport, AL  
 Heather Foote, Ph.D., #2008, Daphne, AL  
 Brandee E. Goodwin, Ph.D., #2009, Marianna, FL  
 Nakieta M. Lankster, Psy.D., #2010, Demopolis, AL  
 Stacy C. Parenteau, Ph.D., #2011, Montgomery, AL  
 Kaysha D. Richards, Psy.D., #2012, Ft. Rucker, AL  
 Kelsie L. Hendrickson, Ph.D., #2013, Converse, TX  
 Thomas J. Kramer, Ph.D., #2014, Montgomery, AL  
 Elise M. Messina, Ph.D., #2015, Ft. Walton Bch, FL  
 Rachel K. Price, Ph.D., #2016, Orange Bch., AL  
 Rachael E. Wittern, Ph.D., #2017, Kailua, HI  
 Danielle A. Beech, Ph.D., #2018, Chatom, AL  
 Baron F. Crespo, Psy.D., #2019, Temple, TX  
 Brandon B. Dearen, Psy.D., #2020, Birmingham, AL  
 Pooja Khariwal, Psy.D., #2021, Selma, AL  
 Nina C. Reynolds, Ph.D., #2022, Birmingham, AL  
 Brian D. Carlson, Psy.D., #2023, Auburn, AL  
 Alina Contino, Psy.D., #2024, Rincon, GA 31326  
 Andrew P. Oakland, Ph.D., #2025, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Teresa D. Ross, Psy.D., #2026, Clinton, MD

**LICENSES NOT RENEWED For Fiscal Year 2016**

*Voluntary Non-Renewal*

**Psychologists**

Alessandra Ashley, Psy.D., #1452, Huntsville, AL  
 Glen C. Bannister, Ed.D., #125, Montgomery, AL  
 Emily K. Beck, Ph.D., #1669, Johnson City, TN  
 Charles B. Clark, Ph.D., #1731, Wichita, KS  
 Rocio V. Garcia, Ph.D., #1767, San Antonio, TX  
 Donald P. Grigsby, Ph.D., #1268, Columbus, GA  
 Katherine S. Jones, Ph.D., #525, Norcross, GA  
 James M. Keener, Psy.D., #1529, Virginia Beach, VA  
 Katie J. Kopp, Ph.D., #1534, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Amelia Kotte, Ph.D., #1810, Waimanalo, HI  
 Michael A. Krage, Jr., Psy.D., #1578, Chicago, IL  
 Guy H. Marlowe, Ph.D., #90, Milton, FL  
 Debra L. Nofziger, Psy.D., #1246, San Antonio, TX  
 Alla Palma, Psy.D., #1861, North Andover, MA  
 Kinta M. Parker, Ph.D., #688, Lubbock, TX

**NON-RENEWALS, CONTINUED...**

Parrish L. Paul, Ph.D., #1878, Nashville, TN  
 Rebecca L. Petersen, Ph.D., #1153, Boston, MA  
 Tabassum Rahman-Rawlins, Psy.D., #1289, Virginia Beach, VA  
 Margaret R. Robberson, Ph.D., #477, Fairhope, AL  
 John A. Teal, Ph.D., #1825, Jackson, MS  
 Malinda E. Trujillo, Ph.D., #1560, Camas, WA  
 Leo C. Ward, III, Ph.D., #498, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Alwyn S. Whitehead, Jr., Psy.D., #1130, Fenton, MO  
 Regina K. Ybarra, Ph.D., #1670, McKinney, TX

**Psychological Technicians**

Carmen B. Bucknor, M.S., #1530, Madison, AL  
 Simone C. Durand, M.S., #1474, Birmingham, AL  
 James O. Harris, M.S., #1907, Albertville, AL  
 Jennings B. Haynes, M.A., #1948, Montgomery, AL

**Recently Deceased Licensee**

Harry A. McClaren, Ph.D., #426, Quincy, FL

**CURRENT NUMBER OF LICENSEES**

Psychologists: **1,146**

Psychological Technicians: **29**

**COMPLAINTS**

The Board received eleven (11) Complaints against licensees during Fiscal Year 2015. Seven (7) of those Complaints resulted in a decision of no probable cause for disciplinary action, two (2) resulted in probable cause for disciplinary action, and two (2) remain open as on-going investigations. Thus far in Fiscal Year 2016, the Board has received fourteen (14) Complaints, two (2) of which resulted in a decision of no probable cause for disciplinary action. The remaining twelve (12) are classified as on-going investigations.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

**Name:** Guy J. Renfro, Ph.D., #329

**Status:** Suspension reverting to Probation

**Action Start Date:** 02/01/2015

**Action Type Description:** Suspension for six (6) months retroactive to 02/01/2015, reverting to Probation on 08/01/2015.

**Action Description:** Consent Order signed on 07/10/2015, Retroactive Suspension for six (6) months, reverting to Probation on 08/01/2015 for a period of five (5) years with stipulations; Counseling ordered; Monitoring ordered; Costs assessed.

**Action Reason:** Violation of Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-26-46(a)(10) and (18), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(j), and (r) and the Code of Ethics, specifically, Ethical Principle 3.04 Avoiding Harm; and Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-26-46(a)(4) and (18), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(d), and (r) and the Code of Ethics, specifically, Ethical Principle 2.06(a) and (b) Personal Problems and Conflicts.

**Action End Date:** On-going

**Name:** Guy J. Renfro, Ph.D., #329

**Status:** Suspension reverting to Probation

**Action Start Date:** 11/16/2015

**Action Type Description:** Suspension for (5) months, reverting to Probation for five (5) years.

**Action Description:** Consent Order effective 11/16/2015 - Suspension for five (5) months, reverting to Probation on 04/17/2016 for a period of five (5) years with stipulations.

**Action Reason:** Violation of Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-26-46(a)(3) and (18), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(c) and (r), and the Code of Ethics, specifically, Ethical Principle 5.01(a) and (b)(3) Avoidance of False or Deceptive Statements; and violation of Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-26-46(a)(16) and (18), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(p) and (r) and the Code of Ethics, specifically, Ethical Principle 1.06 Cooperating with Ethics Committees; and violation of Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-26-46(a)(17), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(q).

**Action End Date:** On-going

**Name:** Bridget F. Smith, Ph.D., #606

**Status:** Probation

**Action Start Date:** 05/16/2016

**Action Type Description:** Probation

**Action Description:** Consent Order - License placed on Probation on May 16, 2016 for a period of six (6) months; Therapy ordered; Supervised Practice required; Continuing Education required; and Costs assessed.

**Action Reason:** Violation of Code of Alabama 1975 §34-26-46(a)(18), Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(2)(a), and the Code of Ethics, specifically, Ethical Principle 3.05(a)(1) and (2), (b), and (c) Multiple Relationships.

**Action End Date:** On-going

**RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES**  
**to the Board's Administrative Code**

*Filed Certification:* July 11, 2016

*Effective Date:* August 25, 2016

**750-X-1-.01 Membership:** This amendment was needed to assure that board membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural and economic diversity of the state without regard to political affiliation.

**750-X-1-.08 Alabama Sunset Law:** This amendment was needed to reflect the new termination date of October 1, 2020.

**750-X-2-.03 Application Form:** This amendment was needed to reflect a name change from the Alabama Bureau of Investigation to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (re: criminal history background checks).

**750-X-2A-.02 Application Deadlines:** This amendment was needed to remove a requirement for completion of a computer-based-testing application which is no longer used.

**750-X-2A-.03 Application Form:** This amendment was needed to reflect a name change from the Alabama Bureau of Investigation to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (re: criminal history background checks).

**750-X-2A-.04 Psychological Technician Training Requirements:** This amendment was needed to remove outdated language.

**750-X-3-.03 Reexamination:** This amendment was needed because it is no longer necessary to submit requests for reexamination in writing.

**750-X-4-.02 Inactive Status:** This amendment was needed to reflect the requirement for payment of an annual inactive status fee.

**750-X-5-.03 Disciplinary Actions Against Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Psychological Technicians:** This amendment was needed to remove outdated language requiring Hearing Officers to be appointed by the Attorney General's Office.

**750-X-6-.01 Third Party Payor Procedures:** This amendment was needed to remove language about

compliance with The General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services, which are outdated.

**750-X-6-.03 American Psychological Association General Guidelines For Providers of Psychological Services, 1987 Edition (Appendix III):** This repeal was needed to remove The General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services, which are outdated.

**Appendix I Fee Schedule:** This amendment was needed to reflect an annual fee that will be charged to psychologists and psychological technicians who have designated inactive licensure status.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**Notice of Intended Action**

The *Alabama Administrative Monthly* is published by the State of Alabama Legislative Reference Service and contains notices by state agencies of the intent to adopt, amend, or repeal rules. The *Monthly* also contains certifications of the rules upon final adoption and publishes other public notices of state agencies. It can be viewed and/or downloaded online at:

<http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/monthly.html>.

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the following rule:

**750-X-3-.01 Written Examination:** This amendment is needed because The General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services are outdated and are no longer included in the Professional Standards Examination (PSE).

**Final Date for Comment & Completion of Notice:**  
September 2, 2016

**Time, Place And Manner Of Presenting Views:**

Interested Persons may present views in writing to the Executive Director of the Board at any time during the 35-day period following July 29, 2016, or if requested in advance (no later than September 2), by personally appearing at 660 Adams Ave., Suite 360, Montgomery, Alabama, on September 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**Contact Person:** Lori H. Rall, Executive Director.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*Please submit your Continuing Education reporting as you complete and accrue hours throughout the year.*

The Individual Reporting Form that accompanies the certificate of completion and C.E. rules and regulations can be found at Board's web site at

[psychology.alabama.gov](http://psychology.alabama.gov).

The C.E. requirements (unless specifically instructed otherwise by Board Action or Order):

**Psychologists** - twenty (20) hours per year.

**Psychological Technicians** - ten (10) hours per year.

## ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL

***Please be advised:*** Failure to comply with ALL requirements for annual license renewal by October 15 shall result in a ***lapsed license***. While not renewing a license prior to October 15 does not deprive a licensee of the right to renew the license, ***it does prohibit the individual from continuing to practice*** unless he or she is working in an exempt setting.

A person who fails to renew a lapsed license within a period of two (2) years is not eligible for reinstatement (i.e. the license will not be restored or reissued by the Board). Instead, a new application for licensure must be submitted and the applicant will be required to meet the statutory requirements for licensure in existence at the time of re-application.

Please contact the Board Office for information on reinstating a lapsed license.

**ADDRESSING ADDRESSES:** The Board Office compiles the Roster of licensees containing mailing addresses of record on file with the Board. ***A licensee's address of record is available to the public upon request.*** A licensee's address of record is where license renewal forms and other official Board communications are mailed. This year's license renewal forms will ask licensees to provide a Home Address and a Business Address, and to designate which should be used as the public address of record. If you wish to change your address of record, please contact the Board Office.

From time to time, the Board Office sends unofficial yet important communications to licensees via email. It is essential that you provide your email address on your Renewal Form and it is necessary for you to promptly update the Board when you have changes to your email address. Email addresses are ***not included*** in the information published in the Roster of licensees.

If you need to change your email address during the licensure year, please contact the Board Office.

## FEE SCHEDULE

Application Fee:	
Psychologists	\$ 350.00
Psychological Technicians	\$ 227.50
Examination Fee:	
PSE ( <i>State Jurisprudence Exam</i> )	\$ 50.00
License Renewal:	
Psychologists	\$ 175.00
Psychological Technicians	\$ 113.75
Late Penalty Fee, per month	\$ 20.00
	<i>(Fee accrues each month or fraction thereof that renewal is late, up to two years)</i>
Inactive Status Fee ( <b>effective August 25, 2016</b> )	
Psychologists	\$ 45.00
Psychological Technicians	\$ 30.00
Continuing Education Fee	\$ 50.00
Roster of Licensed Psychologists	\$ 12.00
Roster of Licensed Psychological Technicians	\$ 10.00
Replacement Licensure Certificate	\$ 15.00
Replacement Annual Renewal Card	\$ 5.00
Copy of Rules and Regulations	\$ 10.00
Returned Check Fee	\$ 30.00
	<i>(Dishonor of a negotiable instrument)</i>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Board meets on the second Friday of January, March, May, July, September, and November each year. However, the November 2016 Board meeting will be held on Friday, November 18 in observance of Veteran's Day. Meetings take place at the Board Office located in the Liberty Bank and Trust building located at 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 360, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Notices of regularly-scheduled and emergency meetings are published on the Alabama Secretary of State's website at:

<https://openmeetings.alabama.gov>.

### Board Meeting Dates

September 9, 2016  
November 18, 2016  
January 13, 2017  
March 10, 2017  
May 12, 2017  
July 14, 2017  
September 8, 2017  
November 10, 2017